

Docket No.  
38572/26217

# Declaration For Patent Application

## English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

### APPARATUS FOR CLOSING THE OPEN END OF A FOOT ON A PIECE OF TUBULAR FURNITURE

the specification of which

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is attached hereto.

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application No. or PCT International

Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Title: Apparatus for Closing the Open End of a Foot on a Piece of Tubular Furniture

Serial No., if Any: To Be Assigned  
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Risdall et al.  
 Application No./Patent No: To Be Assigned Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entitled: Apparatus for Closing the Open End of a Foot on a Piece of Tubular Furniture  
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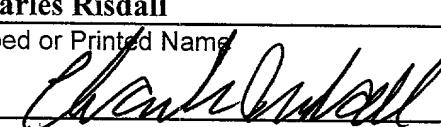
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